

In the Claims:

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 7"

Please add the following new claim.

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--14. A material as claimed in claim 7, wherein the particles are composed of aluminum oxide, boron oxide or magnesium.--

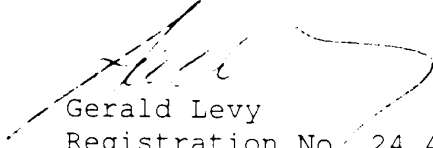
REMARKS

Claim 9 has been amended to remove the multiple dependencies therein.

Claim 14 has been added to break down a multiple dependent claim into two ordinary claims for fee calculation purposes. No new matter has been added.

Early examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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